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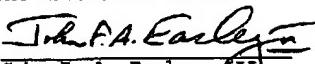
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Regarding claims 1-13, 17-25, and 27-29, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following claim amendments:

1. (Twice Amended) A measuring tape for measuring the distance between a first point and a second point comprising

a housing having a blade outlet and a blade hub centrally located inside said housing,

a flexible elongated blade having one fixed end connected to said blade hub and coiled into a roll around the blade hub, and having a free end extending from said housing through said blade outlet, and

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